THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The information asked for is as under:—

Year	Basis of calculations		Amount of exgratia paid to each ED employee who has worked throughout the accounting year
	No. of days	Notional wage	
1984-85	29	Rs. 130.00	Rs. 124.00
1985-86	27	Rs. 130.00	Rs. 115.46
1986-87	34	Rs. 240.00	Rs. 208.00
1987-88	35	Rs. 285.00	Rs. 328.00

(b) it was agreed to recommend acceptance of the proposal that the payment to the ED employees should be calculated on the basis of actual emoluments. This proposal of the Department has not been accepted by the Government as they are not on par with full time departmental employees. However, Government agreed to raise the notional wage from Rs. 130|- to Rs. 240|- for the accounting year 1986-87 and Rs. 285|- for the accounting year 1987-88 for calculation of ex-gratia payment.

Compensation to ED employees for double duty

1948. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ED employees are fully compensated; if required to perform double duty; if so, at what rates and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) how and at what rate such compensation is given to regular employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The ED employees are part-time employees who are mainly employed in rural areas to perform postal work. They are paid allowances ranging between a minimum and maximum for this part time-work. In cases where extra-departmental Postmasters are attached with the duties of mail conveyance or delivery or both they are paid an additional allowance of Rs. 50|- per month. However, if any ED staff is detained for work, there is no provision for overtime.

(b) The regular employees are compensated for extra work beyond office hours in the form of over-time allowance as admissible under the rules. In the case of postmen, if the work of absentee postman is divided between two postmen, each is paid Rs. 44|- per day and where the additional work is performed by a single postman, he is paid at the rate of Rs. 6 per day.

Withdrawal of facsimile facility of Indian Express

1949. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have withdrew the facsimile facility to the Indian Express between Madras and Bangalore thirty minutes before the system was to be inaugurated and put to operation; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a)